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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: NIGERIAN CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL -
AIRLIFT

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1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN PRESSING UNNY TO MOVE AHEAD ON
CONTINGENCY BASIS WITH PLANNING FOR NIGERIAN CONTINGENT
FOR UNIFIL, THERE HAS BEEN SOME DELAY FOR SEVERAL
REASONS. FIRST IS ABSENCE, NOTED BY EMBASSY, OF NIGERIAN
DEFENSE ATTACHE FROM WASHINGTON AND LACK OF OTHER
EXPERTISE AT NIGERIAN MISSION. (FYI: WE SUSPECT THAT
LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL
ON PART OF NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN HAS ALSO MADE IT
DIFFICULT FOR UN TO COMMUNICATE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY
WITH NIGERIAN GOVT IN LAGOS, SINCE CHANNEL FOR SUCH
COMMUNICATION MUST BE NIGERIAN UN MISSION IN NY. GARBA'S
ARRIVAL IN NY FOR SPECIAL GA ON NAMIBIA MAY FACILITATE
FUTURE CONTACTS.)

2. UN HAS BEEN TRYING TO SET UP MEETING WITH NIGERIANS
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TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RELATED TO UNIFIL PARTICIPATION AND
HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR
TOMORROW, APRIL 25. ONE ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED IS AIRLIFT.

3. UN WILL INFORM NIGERIANS THAT IT IS PREPARED TO ARRANGE
FOR AIFLIFTING OF NIGERIAN CONTINGENT IF THAT IS WHAT
NIGERIA DESIRES. UN WILL POINT OUT THAT THIS WOULD BE AT

NO EXPENSE TO NIGERIANS, AS US AND OTHERS WHO ARE PROVIDING AIRLIFT ARE DOING SO ON NONREIMBURSIBLE BASIS. IF NIGERIA WERE TO PROVIDE ALL OR PART OF ITS OWN AIRLIFT, IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE REIMBURSED BY UN. UNIFIL BUDGET INCLUDES NO RPT NO FUNDS FOR INITIAL AIRLIFTING OF CONTINGENTS TO AREA OF OPERATIONS. UN WILL ALSO INFORM NIGERIANS THAT US IS PREPARED TO CARRY OUT AIRLIFT AND UN WILL MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO US AS SOON AS NIGERIA AGREES TO SUCH ARRANGEMENT. YOUNG

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